GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Wastage of Food
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of processed and unprocessed food including foodgrains that are wasted in the country annually, State/ UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has drawn up a mechanism to reduce such wastage in future, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government engages with experts in both the national and international arena to systematically address the issue of wastage of foodgrains, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has set any targets in relation to curtailment of wastage of foodgrains; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) : No specific data is maintained centrally of processed and unprocessed food that is wasted in the country annually, State/ UT-wise. Statement on the storage loss, transit loss and damaged foodgrains is at Annexure-I.
(b) & (c) : Steps taken to control storage & transit losses in central pool foodgrains are at Annexure-II. Steps taken to avoid damage of central pool foodgrains during storage are at Annexure-III. A study on "storage losses in foodgrains in FCI & CWC warehouses and to recommend norms for storage losses in efficient warehousing management" has been assigned to Central Institute of Post Harvest Engineering & Technology (CIPHET), Ludhiana, A ICAR Institute. The information regarding wastages of food witnessed especially during occasions like marriages, parties and meetings, in the country is at Annexure-IV.

(d) & (e) : Annual targets for restricting storage & transit losses in Central Pool foodgrains in FCI have been fixed. The target and achievement are at Annexure-V.
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